

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 is allowed, claims 2, 3, 4, and 5 are amended, and claims 6-11 and 13-15 are cancelled.

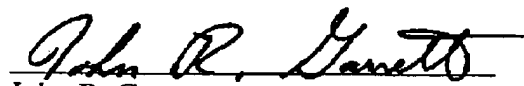
The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112. With this amendment dependent claims 2-5 are now dependent upon allowed independent claim 12 and claims 1 and 6-11 and 13-15 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been overcome, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103. Since dependent claims 2-5 are now dependent upon allowed independent claim 12, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103 has been overcome and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Independent claim 12 has been allowed. Since the dependent claims include all the limitations of independent claim 12 upon which they depend, the dependent claims are therefore also allowable. Allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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